emergency telephone systems and to audit expenditures by the counties for the operation and maintenance of 911 emergency telephone systems; providing for the disposition of the interest earned on the moneys in the 911 Trust Fund; eliminating a provision for the termination of the Emergency Number Systems Board; providing for terms of office of members of the Emergency Number Systems Board; altering the requirement that the Board hold meetings at stated intervals; imposing certain restrictions on the expenditure of trust funds for operation and-maintenance, maintenance, and personnel costs; eliminating certain limits on trust funds available for the installation or reimbursement of the costs of 911 emergency telephone systems; defining certain terms and clarifying and eliminating certain obsolete language pertaining to 911 emergency telephone systems; and generally providing for the installation, enhancement, operation, and maintenance of 911 emergency telephone systems in this State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments Section 204H-1 through 204H-7 Annotated Code of Maryland (1982 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments Section 204H-8 Annotated Code of Maryland (1982 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

204H-1.

- (a) The General Assembly recognizes the paramount importance of the safety and well-being of the citizens of Maryland and further recognizes that when the lives or property of its citizens are in imminent danger, timely and appropriate assistance must be rendered.
- (b) Further, the General Assembly recognizes that such assistance is almost always summoned by telephone and that a multiplicity of emergency telephone numbers exist throughout the State and within any one county.